COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

The College Retirees Association continues to grow to about 130 active member. Many are scattered across the county. Some are now residing in CA, PA, NC, GA, as well as many areas in FL. Although they can't attend we want to thank them for their support and interest in PBSC and our activities. We wish them good health and hope they are having a beautiful autumn.

Bill Buntin, CRA President

We want to welcome our new members and thank them for their patience in getting their request for college IDs and college e-mail addresses processed.

The CRA has been experiencing long delays in having our requests for these items processed by the college. CRA Board member Nancy Buhl has been in constant contact with the various college staff in order to expedite this ongoing issue. We hope for good results soon.

Also we are working on a list of prospective members, nearing retirement or already retired, so we can invite them to join us. Sometimes our contact information is outdated or incomplete. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining, please let us know.

We planned a field trip last October to the new Loxahatchee Groves Campus. While eating lunch, their staff told us about the building construction, courses offered, student enrollment and future expansion plans. We had a guided tour of the library, computer lab and classrooms. The design and architecture blended so well with the western area setting and environment. But the bus ride out there and back was the most fun with lots of laughing and joking.

At our last meeting we had the best attendance that we have ever had. It was wonderful to see people that we have not seen in a long time! Hopefully, the next meeting will be even better. I think we should offer a prize to the person that can identify all these individuals in this picture!

We are fortunate to have had so many terrific guest speakers.

Coming up at our meeting, October 26, Dr. Jean Wihbey, VP ,Workforce Development, will be entertaining and educating us. She will be talking about the importance of PBSC involvement with local businesses and our economy. Dr. Wihbey was former provost at Palm Beach Gardens and Lake Worth campuses.

Dr. Jean Wihbey

For those who were unable to attend some of our meetings, you missed out on some interesting, informative and fun presentations. We had a local gardener who told us how to grow orchids in south Florida. Bruce Pearson shared a very positive experience with his hip surgery at Bumrungrad Hospital in Thailand. Our last presentation was by Ginger Petersen and Janet DeVries about past famous and infamous people in West Palm and Palm Beach. It was historical and hysterical with all of us trying to guess identities of these characters from the projected images. Many of us who were raised here recognized the picture of the "Dixie Witch" who carried a broom and swept the streets.

So on that note, I will close by saying "Happy Halloween

Bill Buntin, President

Nancy's Notes Nancy Buhl, Communications Coordinator

Did you know: 48 CRA members have College email addresses; 3 of our members have residences in 2 of the 7 states in which we have members; 60 different zip codes would be used if we were still using snail mail; and, only 8 of our members actually receive our newsletters through that snail mail. Some are just not able to access a computer. As a retiree group, I think we are very much a part of the 'now generation.'

Personal and College emails are both used for all CRA communiques as I have no way of knowing who uses which and to be honest, that's a detail I don't want to keep track of even if I could!

Unfortunately, we do remove members each year when dues payments are not up-to-date. Some will even have their College email addresses deleted per College rules. Our annual dues of $15.00 are payable on May 1st and keep us in good standing until the following April 30th. You can help us keep our membership high by inviting your retired colleagues to join us and by reminding those who are members to renew each May.

A new process for CRA members to receive PBSC College Retiree ID cards has been developed. You can now go to the bookstore on the Lake Worth, Eissey, or the Boca Raton Campus and ask for one. You will need to show your driver's license or some other form of ID to prove who you are. All CRA member names were submitted to the College for this purpose.

Nancy Buhl, Communications Coordinator

Member News

Nancy Buhl

Nancy Buhl and her daughter, Sheryl, enjoyed a weeklong trip to Nancy's hometown of Reading, PA. While there, we enjoyed a dinner with 43 relatives; many of them were new to Florida born Sheryl. Lunch with childhood friends not seen for nearly 60 years was another enjoyable event. Visiting the Reading Pagoda, Crystal Caves, Nolde Castle and the Green Dragon market and Lapp Dairy Farm in Lancaster County was a mix of some of the old and new places we explored. Of course, any trip home to PA has to include the PA Dutch and Amish cuisines as a priority along with Cho Cho's and homemade Butter Brickle ice cream. It was a great trip to celebrate my entry into a new decade and I hope I don't have to wait for another decade to do it all again!

Ernie & Susan Parbhoo

We will no longer be able to attend the wonderful meetings, as we moved at the end of July (finally) to Lutheran Haven in Oviedo, FL. It was a traumatic event in many ways after 30 years in Lake Worth, in which our children helped a great deal. Now we are near our older daughter and her family who live in Casselberry, and we see them every week. Her younger sister and family live near Dallas in Carrollton, TX, where she is a middle school principal at a huge Lutheran school which serves children from infancy through Gr. 12. They plan to return over the New Year's week. We enjoyed the fellowship and friendship with you all throughout the years since Ernie retired in May of 2010. May God bless you all and keep you!

Pics From May 4th CRA Meeting

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See many more photos in the Palm Beach State College's web site under College Retirees Association

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION!!!!

PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Fall Luncheon Meeting

Friday – October 26, 2018
11:30 AM in CBP 103, Lake Worth Campus

Guest Speaker

Dr. Jean Wihbey, VP Workforce Development

MENU

Wraps w/Lettuce & Tomato:
Ham & Cheese, Turkey, Tuna Salad
Variety of Chips
Assorted Cookies
Canned sodas (regular & diet)
Water

RSVP before Monday, October 22
buhln@palmbeachstate.edu or 561-793-3802

Members are free and
Guests are always welcomed - $10.00 each

New and Returning Members Joining CRA

New and Returning Members:

Kim Ardila-Morgan
Cherie Bryant
Leonard Earl Bryant
Jeannine Burgess
Christine Bush
Douglas Cornwell
Eugenia Cox
Diane Lester
Michael McKeich
Melvin Haynes
Patricia Froehlich

New Members:

PLEASE send us information on what you are doing, what trips you went on, how you like retirement–any news that we can include within this newsletter. Please send to marie-reddy@comcast.net

Board Members—
Nancy Buhl, Mary Taylor, Jeannette Sanders, Susan Goehring, Shirley Sullivan, Peggy Adams-King, Virginia Brooks, Bill Buntin, Joal Solaas

Minutes of the Last Meeting

COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION (CRA)
MINUTES OF MAY 04,2018 MEETING 12:05 A.M.

No Board Meeting was held prior to General Meeting

Lunch and Socializing 11:55 AM - 12:15 PM

Bill Buntin CRA President, welcomed all to the General Meeting.

- Introduction of each person (members and guest)
- A moment of silence was held for our lost members of the CRA.
- No Old or New Business

PROGRAM

The CRA Program Chair, Virginia Brooks introduced:
Ginger Pedersen, Vice President Information Service, is involved with the Historical Society of Palm Beach County, Boynton Beach Historical Society, and City of Boynton Beach, Historic Preservation Board. Along with Janet Dubries on the presentation of "The Historic Tour Guide and Guess Who the Legionary People Are" located at the Woodlawn Cemetery. On **Dec. 14, 1914** the Woodlawn Cemetery Association deeded the cemetery to the City of West Palm Beach. Henry Flagler created the cemetery on 17 acres of pineapple fields in 1904. The original iron gate was removed in 1925 when Dixie Highway was widened.
Such as: The Potter Family (George, Ellen and Richard), John "Sandy" Bloomfield, Henry Flagler, Mayor Currey (also his son Judge Mansfield), Max Marion Grouper (PB Mercentile, 3rd Mayor, Tax Collector and WPB Baseball team), Agnes Baylor (Architect, School teacher, School Supervisor), Odus (O. J.) Sanderson, Richard Almond, Chris Robertson (General Hospital), Dan Whitney (Larry the Cable Guy), Burt "Buddy" Reynolds (PBHS, FSU, PBJC), George McCray (Singer), Charles "Good Time Charlie" Merrill (Merrill-Lynch), Lana Clark (Post Mistress, also a poet), Vooda Atkins "Dixie Witch" (walk up and down the streets sweeping)

Fall Meeting will be on Friday, October 2018, room TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By
Susan E Goehring

Panther's Pantry at Palm Beach State

Panther's Pantry..

Providing support for PBSC students experiencing food insecurities

Palm Beach State College has opened an expanded food pantry to help students who are struggling financially. "Our students are disproportionately effected by the economy," said Jeannie Hoban, director of the college's student counseling center. "We hope by doing this ... we can support our students and help them to be successful in college and not let these things get in their way."

Normal hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to the main pantry, all other PBSC campuses will have pantry cabinets available later in the fall. "We've been doing this since 2015 ... very informally, not well-marketed and just kind of word of mouth with donations from students, student organizations and faculty," Hoban said. "Since we're not a food bank for the community, students need their ID to swipe in." "We want to be able to offer more food to students and make it more accessible," she said. "We're also trying to create a space that reduces the stigma, so hopefully it'll have a general store feel." In addition to the main pantry, all other PBSC campuses will have pantry cabinets available later in the fall. When the pantry needs to be restocked, some of the food will come from donations from the Palm Beach County Food Bank, Feeding South Florida and the College and University Food Bank Alliance.

Passings

Jeff Shoemaker
Linda Iaccino, Adjunct
Rebecca "Becky" Watson, Adjunct
Edward M. Eissey
Richard Holcomb
Reuben Hale
Daniel Morack
Mildred "Milly" Broz, Adjunct

Palm Beach State College lost an icon and a beloved friend. Edward M. Eissey, Ph.D., the third president of the College, passed away at the age of 89 in December, 2017.

"We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Ed Eissey," said Ava L. Parker, J.D., president of Palm Beach State College. "Palm Beach State would not be what it is today without the vision and dedication of Dr. Eissey. He pioneered the pathway we continue to build upon. That is to make higher education accessible to every citizen of Palm Beach County."

Although Eissey served as president from 1978 to 1996, he was still well known at the College and in the wider community because of his continuous involvement and support of both. He even attended PBSC's spring commencement this year.

During his tenure, Eissey was the driving force behind the College's building boom, including the expansion of the Belle Glade campus and the establishment of the Palm Beach Gardens and Boca Raton campuses. As a Palm Beach Junior College alumnus, Dr. Eissey was passionate in his efforts to secure resources to help the College grow to meet the needs of an expanding county. Following Dr. Eissey's recommendation, the Board of Trustees voted to rename PBJC to Palm Beach Community College in 1988 to more accurately reflect the College's comprehensive mission. During a special ceremony in 1990, the Palm Beach Gardens campus was renamed the Edward M. Eissey Campus, in recognition of his years of service to the College. The theater on the campus also bears his name.

"This is a sad day for me," said Dr. Dennis P. Gallon who served as president of the College from 1997 until his retirement in 2015. "Dr. Eissey's legacy in higher education and the state of Florida in general and as president of Palm Beach State College in particular is well documented. His many contributions will serve as an inspiration for generations to come. It was my honor to succeed him as president of the College as it provided quality education and training opportunities to the residents of Palm Beach County."

PLESE SEND NEWS ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING! ALSO, FEEL FREE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES TO BE PUBLISHED HERE. CONTACT MARIE REDDY AT MARIE-REDDY@COMCAST.NET.

If you have a change in address or phone number (or if you know the address of a former member who has moved), please contact:

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If you know of a member who is ill or who has died or suffered some kind of setback, contact our Good Will Ambassador

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Bill Graham and Shelley Hill

Plan to attend the CRA Holiday Party Date Thursday December 13th.

Place: Atlantis Country Club Palm Room 11:30 AM

RSVP

We are again joining the Toys for Tots Campaign and asking each of you to bring one, new unwrapped toy

More information later.....
Just a reminder to save the date!